

University of Missouri School of Medicine – Springfield Clinical Campus Briefing Document for Board of Curators Meeting, Sept. 13-14, 2012, at MU

Proposal

In response to the shortage of physicians in Missouri, the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Columbia and CoxHealth and Mercy health systems in Springfield intend to build on their successful education partnership. They plan to increase medical school enrollment at MU by creating a clinical campus in Springfield.

Financial Requirements

The total estimated funding required for architectural design, construction and other infrastructure resources for MU's Columbia and Springfield campuses is approximately \$33 million. The total estimated annual funding required for operations — including faculty and staff salaries, training materials and other educational resources — is approximately \$10 million.

Financial Investment

If Missouri voters approve Proposition B, the November ballot initiative to raise taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco-related products, MU would use resulting revenue to expand educational programs for physicians, nurses and other health professionals. This investment would fulfill two important goals: It would increase access to health care professionals who are in short supply across the state, and it would improve health and quality of life for Missourians.

In terms of medical education, Proposition B would provide sufficient revenue to construct an approximately \$30 million medical education building at MU, as well as \$10 million in annual operating costs for the clinical campus. Philanthropy will also be used to help pay for costs associated with the medical education expansion in Columbia and Springfield.

If Proposition B does not pass, MU will pursue public funding to expand health professions education through the legislative process.

Return on Investment

MU's plan to create a clinical campus in Springfield would expand the university's medical student class size by approximately 30 percent, from 96 students per year to 128 students per year. When fully implemented, the plan would add more than 300 physicians to Missouri's health care workforce, add more than \$390 million annually to the state's economy, and create 3,500 new jobs.

Additional Information

Fact sheet: <http://medicine.missouri.edu/strategicplan/SpringfieldFacts.pdf>

Public announcement in April 2012: <http://medicine.missouri.edu/news/0158.php>

Economic impact study: <http://medicine.missouri.edu/Springfield-Study.pdf>

Proposition B: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/2012ballot/PropB.asp>